

Attorney Docket No: ISIC0055-100 (IBIS-28US)
Serial No. 10/071, 978

March 17, 2006 Response
to August 18, 2005 Action

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-21, 63 and 65-72 were pending in this application. After entry of the amendments herein, claims 1, 3-21, 63 and 65-72 will be pending in this application. No claims have been canceled. Claims 1 and 63 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 63 have been objected to because of informalities and claim 63 has been further objected to because of a typographical error. Claims 1 and 63 have been amended to delete the presence of lines thereby rendering the objections moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1 and 63 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 has been objected as having two periods. After examination of the last amendment, Applicants have been unable to find more than one period at the end of the claim. There is what appears to be a blemish on page 8 but it doesn't correspond to where the period was in the previous amendment. The current version of the claims shows only one period. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 18 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 63 and 65-72 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph due to the alleged indefiniteness of the term "a fused ring derivative" in the definitions of R'₁₅ and R'₁₆. Applicants respectfully disagree that this term is indefinite for at least the reasons asserted in the previous response. However, solely to facilitate prosecution, claim 63 has been amended to recite specific fused ring derivatives. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at p. 21, line 32 through p. 22, line 6. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

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Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and earnestly request early reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview, telephonic or personal, would facilitate allowance of the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or underpayment thereof or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-1275.

Respectfully submitted,
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